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The NFL's first openly gay player

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Family Rides for Terminal Illness

Relatives of recent Santa Clara alumnus race to raise awareness

Eduardo Cuevas
ASSOCIATE REPORTER

In an attempt to find a cure for a rare neuromuscular disorder, the Rupel family will be competing in a 60-mile cycling event in honor of their son. Matt Rupel, now 23, graduated from Santa Clara in 2013.

The Rupels who reside in Santa Clara are all recessive carriers of Friedreich's ataxia, a genetically inherited disease that attacks the body's nervous system and muscles. Matt Rupel was diagnosed with the condition in the eighth grade.

The Rupel family plans to raise \$10,000 as part of a 13-man team, which includes family friends. The event Ride Ataxia NorCal as a whole aims to raise \$125,000 for research through donations from riders and outside spectators.

While Matt Rupel's father and sister, Bart and Katie, will be competing in the race, his mother, Brenda, will be following to assist the riders if problems arise. Both Bart and Brenda Rupel are Santa Clara alumni as well, having graduated in '85 and '86 respectively.

The Rupels frequently cycle in events across the country to fundraise for a cure for Friedreich's ataxia. As the event draws near, the family has been biking distances up to 60 miles in preparation for the race on May 31 in Davis, Calif.

Matt Rupel is currently participating in a drug trial to treat his disease, as there is currently no definitive cure for Friedreich's ataxia. Despite this fact, Rupel's father, Bart, believes that fundraisers like Ride Ataxia NorCal do make a difference for individuals with the condition.

"I'm pretty optimistic (that) within the next 10 years we will have a cure," Bart said.

Matt served as editor-in-chief of The Santa Clara from 2011 to 2013. He was recently hospitalized for respiratory problems while visiting family in El Paso, Texas, but was discharged on Tuesday. Although he will not participate, his father says Matt plans to attend for support.

Bart Rupel believes that the event is beneficial for both researchers and families affected by Friedreich's ataxia.

"It helps the community stay motivated to see what we can do, and it helps connect the researchers to the families," said Rupel. "Often times, companies involved in research (get to) see the families and see how determined we are."

Ride Ataxia Norcal is sponsored by the Friedreich's ataxia Research Alliance.

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SPRING CONCERT TAKES A CHANCE AND SCORES



ASHLEY CABRERA — THE SANTA CLARA

The Activities Programming Board brought 21-year-old Chance the Rapper to perform at the annual Spring Concert. The event was held yesterday at 8 p.m. in the Locatelli Student Activity Center. David Lyons, a sophomore Santa Clara student, opened the show. Over 750 tickets were sold at \$20 each.

Club Instills Hope for Youth

Disadvantaged families tour campus, seek new opportunities

Nicolas Sonnenburg
THE SANTA CLARA

Inadequate educational facilities, the threat of violence on the streets and a lack of mentors are all problems that plague adolescents who live in impoverished neighborhoods.

The possibility of attending a four-year university is often out of the question for these young people. Members of the Santa Clara community are trying to change this

reality.

MEChA-El Frente, the Multicultural Center's Latino and Latina club, has been active in reaching out to children who live in inner city San Jose and other impoverished areas.

Every November, the club hosts Raza Day in its efforts to connect with disadvantaged youths. MEChA invites hundreds of high school students from San Jose to Santa Clara. They have the chance to explore buildings, speak with Santa Clara students and gain insight into college life.

"One of our pillars is education," said Mayra Gonzalez, a member of MEChA. "Part of that is reaching out to elementary, middle and high schools to show students not only that Santa Clara is a place that exists, but that they can actually get here."

Parents of visiting students have a chance to speak with university admissions officers

and other parents who come from similar backgrounds.

"Most of their questions are about financial aid," said Gonzalez. "We just tell them our story and explain that Santa Clara is very generous. If you come from a low-income household, but have good grades in high school, it is possible to come here."

In addition to Raza Day, MEChA hosts five smaller campus tours throughout the year.

On Friday, with the assistance of the club, the Ignatian Center's outreach program Thriving Neighbors will be welcoming approximately 100 young students and 25 parents from Washington Open Elementary School in Santa Clara.

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WORLD ROUNDUP



AP

1. Day two of martial law in Thailand stirs confusion: Thailand began its second day under martial law yesterday.

Residents tried to make sense of this dramatic turn of events after six months of anti-government protests and political turmoil.

The country’s powerful army chief invoked the military’s expanded powers. He also issued more than a dozen edicts, which included broad powers of censorship over the media and the Internet and vaguely defined threats to prosecute opponents.

A day after martial law was

declared, several meetings were planned behind closed doors between senior government officials, opposition party leaders, the Election Commission and other parties.

Around Bangkok, there was little sign of any change. Most soldiers that had occupied key intersections around the capital had withdrawn.

People went about their work normally, students went to school and the traffic was snarled as it would be any other weekday in this bustling city.

From AP Reports.

2. Two bombs blasted in Nigeria, at least 118 killed: Two car bombs exploded at a bus terminal and market in Nigeria’s central city of Jos on Tuesday.

The bombings killed at least 118 people, wounded dozens and left bloodied bodies amid the flaming debris.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the twin car bombs. But they bore the hallmarks of Boko Haram, the Islamic extremist group that abducted nearly 300 schoolgirls last month.

In its campaign to impose Islamic

law on Nigeria, the group has repeatedly targeted bus stations and other locations where large numbers of people gather.

The second blast came half an hour after the first. It killed some of the rescue workers who had rushed to the scene, which was obscured by billows of black smoke.

“It’s horrifying, terrible,” said Mark Lipdo of the Stefanos Foundation, a Christian charity based in Jos, who described the sickening smell of burning human flesh.

From AP Reports.



AP

CAMPUS SAFETY

Alcohol Related Medical Emergency

5/17: Two female students were found intoxicated and unable to care for themselves outside of the Benson Memorial Center. SCPD and SCFD were contacted and responded. The students declined transportation to a hospital and were escorted back to their room.

Alcohol Violation

5/17: An underage guest of a campus resident was reported intoxicated in Campisi Hall. He fled upon noticing the arrival of CSS. Numerous bottles of alcoholic beverages were found during a subsequent search of the resident’s room. The alcoholic beverages were confiscated and disposed of.

5/17: Campus residents were found in possession of alcoholic beverages and two fake driver’s licenses in their room. The alcohol was confiscated and disposed of. The fake driver’s licenses were also confiscated.

Drunk in Public

5/17: Two non-affiliate minors were reported intoxicated in The Bronco and causing a disturbance. They were escorted to the CSS office and stayed until a relative picked them up.

Informational Report

5/18: CSS assisted a car service driver in locating a non-affiliate who attempted to avoid paying her fee. She was located in the company of campus residents inside of Graham Hall and was escorted out to pay her bill.

Medical Emergency

5/15: A non-affiliate high school student sprained her ankle while attempting to perform a trick in the de Saisset Museum. CSS responded.

5/15: A student reported having severe pain in his hip and requested medical assistance. CSS and SCU EMS responded. He was transported to O’Connor Hospital in a private vehicle.

5/16: A student tripped on the Daly Science Center stairs and injured his ankle. CSS escorted him to Cowell Health Center.

Trespassing

5/14: A non-affiliate male on a bicycle was observed loitering outside of Campisi Hall in the middle of the night. He gave CSS staff false information when questioned, and SCPD was contacted and responded. He was given a trespass warning and was asked to leave campus property.

5/17: Three non-affiliate guests were reported bringing a large jug of alcoholic beverages into The Bronco. SCPD and SCFD were contacted and re-

sponded. A very intoxicated male was transported to O’Connor Hospital by paramedics. The other two non-affiliates, who had been staying in a resident’s room, were asked to leave campus property and were given a trespass warning.

5/20: A non-affiliate male was reported going through the trash inside of the University Villas trash area. He was admonished for trespassing and escorted off campus.

Suspicious Person

5/19: A former student was reported running shirtless and barefoot around campus and inside of the Jesuit residence. CSS and SCPD responded. SCPD took him into custody for being under the influence.

Vandalism

5/17: Residence Life staff reported receiving two sticky notes posted on their room door with derogatory remarks on them.

From Campus Safety reports. Email news@thesantaclara.org.

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WEB DESIGNER

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7

MARKET RESEARCH ANALYST

8

NETWORK ENGINEER

9

TRAINING SPECIALIST

10

PROGRAMMER

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Despite the fallout from the 2008 economic crisis, Santa Clara students fare relatively well in their search for jobs after graduation.

Of the graduating class of 2012, six months after graduation:

62%

EMPLOYED FULL-TIME

82%

OF THOSE LOOKING FOR WORK FOUND A JOB

15%

ATTENDING GRADUATE SCHOOL

Statistics from Santa Clara University

Soon-to-be graduates talk about employment plans after college:

"I will be working for Fair Share Housing at the Northgate II housing development in Camden, New Jersey, in conjunction with a nonprofit called the Camden Coalition that is focused on improving healthcare outcomes among the low-income and elderly population that lives in the housing development."

- Michael Bonino-Britsch, political science major

"I have two offers. One from a bank as a credit analyst and one at an investment firm as a financial representative for the company (like a portfolio manager). I'm planning on studying for the GMAT and I am considering getting a masters in science in the international finance field."

- Jackie Bomino, finance major

"I am going to begin working at KPMG in early October. I am going to be employed as an audit associate based out of the Santa Clara office."

- Steven Hagel, accounting major

After previously working in Uganda four times, Lehman will spend time teaching and volunteering at a school in Uganda. Lehman aspires to go back to school to become a teacher and will use her time in Uganda as a platform to determine if she wants to teach elementary school or preschool.

Grace Lehman, anthropology major

ARTICLE BY SOPHIE MATTSON, GRAPHIC BY ERIC BONILLA

University Collaborates to Train Educators

Partnership furthers education for Hispanic community

Sophie Mattson
THE SANTA CLARA

Santa Clara will be establishing a satellite campus following the imminent closure of the National Hispanic University in East San Jose in order to continue the teacher preparatory program.

The university seeks to create a credential institute that trains teachers to cater to the needs of Hispanic communities.

Santa Clara and the National Hispanic University Foundation, a nonprofit organization that has sponsored educational institutions for Hispanics, are collaborating to establish the Institute for Hispanic Educational

Advancement. "We are interested in increasing the number of bilingual teachers," said Edward Alvarez, president of the National Hispanic University Foundation. "There are 14,000 teachers in this community and only 10 percent of them are bilingual."

Nicholas Ladany, dean of Santa Clara's School of Education and Counseling Psychology, thinks it is necessary for Santa Clara to sponsor the Institute for Hispanic Educational Advancement.

This is because there is a substantial shortage in the number of educators able to teach in Hispanic communities and connect with Hispanic students.

"There is a significant achievement gap, which hasn't been filled," said Alvarez. "What

we need to do is train teachers to be better prepared to address all of the cultural, social and economic issues that exist among low-income Hispanic communities."

"There are 14,000 teachers in this community. Only 10 percent of them are bilingual."

NHU is a postsecondary institution dedicated to educating the Hispanic community. It has been located in East San Jose since 2004, but after a lack of funding and a drop in student enrollment, the National Hispanic University Foundation ceased funding NHU in 2010.

The university became a for-profit institution after it was taken over by Laureate International Universities, a private network of post-secondary educational institutes, in the same year.

Despite efforts to keep NHU up and run-

ning, it will officially close its doors in June 2015, and will immediately be replaced with the Institute for Hispanic Educational Advancement.

According to Alvarez, NHU has traditionally been noted for its teacher credential program.

The foundation reached out to Santa Clara in hopes of preserving NHU's teacher credential program. Santa Clara's desire to assist the Hispanic community aligned with the foundation's goals of training teachers in better serving these groups of people.

Around 100 individuals are expected to enroll in the teacher credential program.

Two charter high schools will also be established in the same building as the credential institute, and will each accommodate 400 students.

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Former Professor Makes Donation

COURTESY OF MARIE BRANCATI

Over 200 hundred people attended a naming ceremony on May 15 that recognized Julia and Victor Vari for making an \$8 million donation. From left to right: Julia Vari, Victor Vari and Mauro Battocchi, the Consul General of Italy in San Francisco.

Building named after endowment was granted

Sophie Mattson
THE SANTA CLARA

The Arts and Sciences Building was officially named Victor B. and Julia Botto Vari Hall after the former Santa Clara professor and his

wife made an \$8 million donation.

The new building's name was unveiled during a ceremony on May 15.

"It was to not only recognize and thank the Varis for a gift to name the building, but for an endowment that will be eventually created for the arts and humanities," said Marie Brancati, director of external relations for the College of Arts and Sciences.

The endowment will be used to support projects related to the arts and humanities. This will include

opportunities for research, faculty development and guest speakers.

"The way the Varis are providing the money is very broad and it will be used to benefit and enrich the university community," Brancati said.

Victor Vari originally began teaching Italian at Santa Clara in 1946. After 66 years of work, he retired in 2012 at the age of 92.

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CORRECTIONS

In "Debate Teams Talk Future Health Care Policy," Nicolas Sonnenburg's name was spelled incorrectly. (Page 1, Issue 23, May 15, 2014).

In "Show Promotes Tolerance of All Gender Identities," the pull quote should have read "Just because we are LGBTQ does not mean that we should be treated differently." (Page 3, Issue 23, May 15, 2014).

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Thomas Curran-Levett

Michael Sam: More Than Just A Football Player



AP

After a long wait that saw him falling further in the draft than many expected, Michael Sam was selected by the St. Louis Rams. His place in NFL history was promptly cemented as the league's first openly gay player.

Standing at 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighing in at 261 pounds, a defensive end out of Missouri will go down as the most significant pick of 2014. His name is Michael Sam, and he is openly gay.

While a small handful of athletes came out after retiring from football, most notably lineman Kwame Harris, who was outed by an ex-boyfriend in 2012 after an alleged assault, no players ever came out while playing the

hyper-masculine sport.

It is not surprising that none of the athletes welcomed such a harsh spotlight before Sam bravely chose to voice his sexuality. Just how harsh could a reaction be among players?

All it takes is a glance a mere five and a half miles down the road from campus, where San Francisco 49er cornerback Chris Culliver is undoubtedly striving to find creative new ways to let open receivers slip by him, to find

an answer.

Most recently infamous for calling a 15-year-old child terms that cannot even be printed here, Culliver drew criticism last year for taking full advantage of the enormous media presence before 2012's Super Bowl to state in the most intelligent way possible, "Nah. We don't got no gay people on the team. You know, they gotta get up out of here if they do. Can't be with that sweet stuff."

While Culliver's sentiments hopefully are not shared by his NFL peers, several of whom reacted quite angrily to his comments, his comments paint football locker rooms as anything but a safe space.

Yet for every Chris Culliver, many have stepped up in support of gay teammates. Easily the most recognizable voice is that of Chris Kluwe, the former Minnesota Vikings punter who has been one of the most outspoken opponents of homophobia in sports.

As LGBT ally Kluwe put it in a piece for CNN last year, "It's not right that professional sports, and especially sports media, have created an environment where gay players are willing to hide essential components of themselves as human beings in order to pursue their dreams."

Kluwe's words stand testament to the shifting national sentiment toward sexuality. With dozens of states legalizing gay marriage, the removal of "Don't ask, don't tell" policies from the armed forces and national anti-homophobia movements and organizations the likelihood of an NFLer coming out has steadily increased.

Changing views do not, however, make coming out any easier. Michael Sam deserves our utmost support for his bravery. To come out in any setting is one of the most difficult and life-changing events anyone could possibly face. To do so as an NFL hopeful is even more admirable.

The timing of Michael Sam's coming-out is especially important to note. The months leading up to the draft are filled with intense scrutiny of prospects who can find themselves falling out of the draft for anything viewed as a character flaw.

In fact, Sam's bravery did hurt his overall draft stock. Prior to the draft, Sam had been lauded by many, including NFL draft guru Mike Mayock, who commended Sam's "high-level production in the best conference in football." Ultimately though, the SEC Defensive Player of the Year, viewed to be a mid round selection by several draft analysts, fell all the way to the last dozen picks in the draft.

After a long and stressful wait, Sam was ultimately drafted by the St. Louis Rams, immediately cementing his place in NFL history. Now, his story is anything but over.

It is almost certain that he will never reach the level of talent as, say, Jadeveon Clowney, the first overall pick of the draft, but Sam is still a player everyone should know and follow. He may never play in the Pro Bowl, or be named Super Bowl MVP, but true NFL fans should still don his jersey.

They should support the 24-year-old who just wants to play football. They must say, for everyone to hear, that while there is no place in the NFL for the likes of Chris Culliver, the NFL will always be ready for Michael Sam.

Most importantly, they will demonstrate to the frightened people still in closets all over the world, that the largest and loudest fan base in the United States will not view whom a draftee chooses to kiss as a distraction. Michael Sam is now a Ram. He will always be a hero, in addition to being a football player, and that is all that should matter.

Thomas Curran-Levett is a sophomore political science major and editor of the Opinion section.

Nellie Bohac

Our Growing Fiscal Addiction

As graduation draws near, seniors at Santa Clara face many important decisions, including which jobs to apply for and accept as our first major steps into life after college.

Of course, a pivotal factor in that decision is often the starting salary. Many students view money as a factor not only in job satisfaction, but also in their overall happiness.

What role should money play in our future happiness?

A recent student panel in Graham Commons discussed Sam Polk's article "For the Love of Money" from The New York Times. Polk made \$3.6 million in bonuses on Wall Street by age 30 when he realized that he was addicted to money. His exorbitant amount of wealth did not make him any happier, a disheartening fact that caused him to quit his job to go into nonprofit work.

Students discussed how many at Santa Clara get used to a certain lifestyle, going out to eat often and spending money on other comforts. Would we be able to give that up if we're going to be fulfilled in our careers, or are we sort of stuck needing a certain salary and a higher standard of living to be happy? Is this problem a product of being at Santa Clara or is it a national or global culture?

Students also noted the difficulty between choosing a job that makes you happy over one that pays more. How do you know

when the scale tips between not making enough to be happy, even at a job that you love, and making more than enough money but not being fulfilled at work?

For the past several months, students have been asked, "What are you doing this summer?" or "What are your plans after graduation?"

We compare notes with friends and classmates on where they have applied, what jobs they have been offered and, yes,

how much they are getting paid.

Perhaps it's because we believe that a number can quantify our worth to an organization.

If Company X offers me more than Company Z, they

must value my work more, even though a salary should not quantify one's worth. Or perhaps some of us simply made it one of our goals to accumulate wealth and have not thought too much about why.

Ultimately, we look to get paid what we "deserve," but how do we determine what we "deserve?"

Culture at Santa Clara might favor an uncritical view of wealth accumulation. What is clear, though, is that there needs to be an ongoing, open discussion among students about how we view money and how our desire for money is affecting our futures.

Nellie Bohac is a senior finance and political science double major.

Zachary Milkis

Controversial Year Leaves School Values in Question

We bring inspiring leaders like Dolores Huerta, Paul Farmer and the Dalai Lama to campus to speak about compassion worldwide, but I see something of a double standard when we neglect issues of social justice on our own campus.

We are truly blessed to have so many opportunities for community engagement that allow us to transcend the campus "bubble," empowering us to become leaders in the Santa Clara community and beyond.

However, such valuable lessons do not give Santa Clara a free pass to exercise injustices. As a result of this, my final academic year at Santa Clara has been challenging for me as a student striving to embody the Jesuit values instilled in me by the school I love and have called home these past four years.

Fall quarter, the administration made the unilateral decision to remove elective abortion coverage for faculty and staff. There was no dialogue surrounding this highly patriarchal decision, despite widespread disapproval from faculty, staff and students alike.

As Fossil Free SCU's campaign for the university to divest from the top 200 fossil fuel companies gathers support, the administration refuses to disclose the university's current investments, let alone address the potential for divestment, while our academic "rivals" at Stanford take groundbreaking steps in this arena.

I am continually struck by the irony that our institution of higher learning, founded on the anti-material values of the Jesuits, remains irrevocably influenced by heavily moneyed interests.

Perhaps we are not the beacon of compassion, tolerance and virtue we claim to be if we remain apathetic to the voices of our students, faculty and staff, while continuing to fear transformation and progress.

While I am indebted to Santa Clara for everything I have learned here, for the values that have been instilled in me and for the empowered individual I have grown to be, there's always more work to be done.

This is a genuine thank you to Santa Clara for challenging me and my fellow classmates to be the agents of change we are today. Thanks to you, we are engaged and we are thoughtful. We are competent and we are reflective. We are passionate and we are compassionate. Now allow us to be the leaders you hope for us to be.

Zachary Milkis is a senior English and political science double major.

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STANDINGS

Baseball

Team	WCC	Overall
Pepperdine	18-9	36-16
Loyola Marymount	17-10	30-22
Gonzaga	17-10	25-27
Santa Clara	16-11	26-28
San Diego	16-11	34-20
Pacific	15-12	26-26
Brigham Young	12-15	22-31
San Francisco	11-16	25-28
Saint Mary's	8-19	16-38
Portland	5-22	11-41

Softball

Team	WCC	Overall
Brigham Young	12-2	34-22
San Diego	10-5	26-21
Saint Mary's	8-7	23-27
Pacific	8-7	20-28
Santa Clara	5-10	10-34
Loyola Marymount	1-13	20-27

UPCOMING GAMES

Baseball

Santa Clara @ Pepperdine*	Thu. 5/22	3 p.m.
Santa Clara @ WCC Tournament*	Fri. 5/23	TBA
Santa Clara @ WCC Tournament*	Sat. 5/24	TBA

*Game will be played in Stockton, Calif.

BRONCO BRIEFS

Women's Rowing

The Santa Clara women's rowing team headed to Sacramento on Saturday to compete in the West Coast Conference Rowing Championships. In the last race of the season, the Broncos fielded two teams but both finished in seventh place.

After the results were tallied up, Santa Clara placed seventh overall. Several Broncos received recognition over the weekend, including Megan Alferness and Blair Mitchell who were named to the 2014 All-West Coast Conference Rowing Team.

Men's Rowing

The Bronco men's rowing team traveled this weekend to Rancho Cordova, Calif., to compete in the Western Invitational on Saturday. They took home second and third place medals in the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship and looked to continue their success in the water.

The Broncos placed fourth in both of the races in their final competition of the season. Santa Clara faced off against strong teams hailing from schools such as University of San Diego, Gonzaga University and University of California, San Diego in this competition.

Cross-Country

The men and women's cross-country teams ended their season on a high note at the West Coast Invitational in Salem, Ore., this weekend. Adrian Hinojosa, Ben Demaree, Bryan Crook and Joey Berriatua all finished in the top 25 of the men's 5K race, with Demaree and Hinojosa running their best times of the season.

On the women's side, juniors Mary Kriege and Kelly Ryan placed high in the women's 5K race. Kriege took ninth place and set a personal record while Ryan took home 12th place, just a couple of seconds short of her personal best.

Le Closes Career As Bronco

Senior sits at the top with most wins in university history

Tyler J. Scott
THE SANTA CLARA

Senior Katie Le became the first player in Santa Clara history to go to three straight singles championships at the NCAA Division 1 Women's Tennis Championship.

Le traveled to the University of Georgia as an At-Large selection in this year's tournament, joining 63 other players from across the nation.

The singles competition began yesterday and will continue until May 26 in Athens, Ga. at the Dan Magill Tennis Complex. The matches will be in a best-of-three sets format with regular scoring. There will also be a 12-point tiebreaker if a match reaches six games.

Le, ranked No. 31 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, fell to the University of Florida's No. 14 ranked Olivia Janowicz in the first round of the singles championships by scores of 6-0 and 6-2.

Before Le left for Georgia, she spoke on going to the championships and reflected on her time at Santa Clara.

"I don't really focus on the seeds or the selections that are made," Le said. "Each and every person competing in the tournament, whether they are ranked in the top 10 or the top 50, are all great players and each round will be extremely tough, especially under the hot conditions."

She said that she was not going to underestimate anyone on the court, no matter their ranking.

"The NCAAs have been, by far, my favorite tournament and after making it for the first time sophomore year, I made it one of my goals to play in the tournament every year after," said Le. "I have started the last two seasons with this mindset, and seeing the results that I wanted is extremely rewarding."

During the regular season, Le played at the No. 1 position at Santa Clara in both singles and doubles. She has played at that position for four straight years, ever since she first joined the Broncos.

In this year's campaign she established a 28-5 overall record and a 17-2 record in dual matches before heading to Athens.

She holds a spot at the top of the all-time wins list at Santa Clara with 103 career singles victories. Every one of her individual season records sits in the top 10 of that list as well.



Katie Le fell Wednesday in the singles championship to the No. 14 ranked player in the nation. With this loss, she ends her illustrious career with a final tally of 103 victories in singles play as a Bronco.

She was only pushed to three-sets five times since September and went 2-2 against other ranked opponents.

Le's most notable victory over a ranked challenger occurred on March 22 when she upset Pepperdine University's Lorraine Guillermo, who was then ranked No. 19 in the nation, with scores of 7-5 and 6-4.

The longest winning streak Le experienced was 13 games in a row. Throughout her notable career she has amassed an array of accolades including the West Coast Conference Freshman of the Year in 2011 and WCC Player of the Year in 2012, as well as earning First and Second-Team honors in singles every year of her career.

She was also awarded the No. 1 doubles All-Tournament Team with her partner, sophomore Chelby Cooke, this year.

Besides Le, the WCC was represented by Guillermo from Pepperdine and Jenny Jullien from Saint Mary's College.

The two were ranked No. 26 and No. 11, respectively, but only one of them would grab the victory.

Guillermo fell to Duke University's Beatrice Capra but Jullien came through with a three-set victory against Ronit Yurovsky from the University of Michigan.

"It's an honor to have played for Santa Clara and earn the recognition that I did at this university," Le said. "I was exposed to so many different opportunities that helped me improve my game here over the past three years, and I never imagined I would ever be able to compete at the level I am now. It's bittersweet to graduate and see an end to my tennis career as well as my college experience, but I have had a wonderful past four years and could not have asked for more."

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Alli Kleppe

I Kevin Love You, Man

When it comes to one of the top players in the NBA right now, we have an important question: Where is the Love?

Kevin Love has expressed an interest in becoming an unrestricted free agent this off-season. He will have to weigh his options either in a trade deal or as a free agent at the end of next summer.

Teams like the Los Angeles Lakers, Boston Celtics, Chicago Bulls and Golden State Warriors all have reportedly shown interest. Clearly, Love has several options.

However, Glen Taylor, the owner of the Minnesota Timberwolves, told the Pioneer Press on Monday that he doesn't plan on trading Love. As of now, Taylor intends to keep Love with the team until his contract is up.

But Love's talents show he is a force to be reckoned with come decision time.

He is one of the top players in the NBA right now, with a player efficiency rating third only to Kevin Durant and LeBron James, according to ESPN. He is also the second-best player in the Timberwolves' franchise history to Kevin Garnett.

So, what would you do if you were Love?

Six seasons into the NBA, he has yet to make it to the post-season. What incentive does he really have to stay another year, when stronger opportunities could be coming his way?

It seems that opinions vary greatly from different fan bases on where Love should go if he does a trade deal – Celtics fans think Boston while Lakers fans want him to come and help get last season out of their heads. Love has expressed interest in Golden State and Chicago.

I think Love should go to a team where he is a star. Other great teammates should not outshine him, but instead, create a team dynamic where the players complement each other.

Although he would be an asset to any team, Love should seek out an environment that truly encourages him to exercise his potential to become a bigger star and a team leader.

The Warriors are on the brink of greatness – they were third in defensive efficiency this season and if Love were to play alongside Stephen Curry, they would have an offense that would prove a test for any opponent.

Golden State was rated No. 12 in offensive efficiency last year. Now that they have their defense relatively in line, I hope the new head coach, Steve Kerr, takes these opportunities to revamp his team to the next level.

Love could be the great addition to put them in true competition with other championship-level teams.

The Warriors would have to give up a lot – analysts have speculated as many as up to four different players could be traded in a deal, including David Lee, Draymond Green, Klay Thompson and Harrison Barnes.

But I believe the return on their investment would be worth it.

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Broncos Take Tournament Spot



DANIELLE VELASCO FOR THE SANTA CLARA

On Sunday, Santa Clara snagged a West Coast Conference playoff berth in dramatic fashion against the Gaels on an RBI walkoff from junior T.J. Braff. With their previous win Saturday, the Broncos grabbed the final spot in the tournament. The Broncos will face the top-seeded Pepperdine University in the first round today, in Stockton, Calif.

Baseball makes first postseason since 1997

Sydney Sanchez
THE SANTA CLARA

This time last year, the Santa Clara baseball team was hanging up their gear after a brutal 1-23 conference season. This year the Broncos are preparing for their first West Coast Conference playoff game after clinching a berth following their series win versus Saint Mary's College last weekend.

In a dramatic program turnaround in just one hard-fought season, the Broncos have become serious WCC contenders, ending their season 16-11 as the No. 4 seed in the conference.

"We had our backs against the wall and needed to finish the season with two wins," said sophomore infielder and outfielder Jose Vizcaino Jr. "We just kept grinding and clearly showed how much of a fight this team can put up by coming back and earning a spot in the playoffs."

Santa Clara's season came down to the three-game series against St. Mary's. After dropping Friday's game, the Broncos claimed Saturday's. The squad then looked to finish strong.

Sunday's must-win game also fell on Senior Day, where departing senior Broncos were honored for their time at Santa Clara. The game result couldn't have been better scripted.

"We've come a long way since last year and I think our seniors have been a huge part of that," said junior T.J. Braff. "We've struggled for a couple years now but I think they've done a great job of leading the team and we've finally been able to turn the season around."

Santa Clara opened the game with a huge home run by Vizcaino to put the Broncos on top early, but Santa Clara allowed five runs in the third and fourth innings to run a 5-1 deficit.

The team responded when it really counted, answering with five runs of their own in the fourth and fifth, including a three RBI double by senior Casey Munoz to put Santa Clara ahead.

After a run by St. Mary's to tie the score in the seventh, the game came down to the bottom of the

ninth inning where the Broncos needed just one run to win the game and push them into the postseason.

Braff came through with an RBI walkoff, bringing home senior Greg Harisis for the game-winning and playoff-berth-clinching 7-6 win.

"That walkoff was awesome for me, I've never been able to do that before," said Braff. "I'm just glad I was able to come up in that spot and help the team but really everyone contributed this weekend."

The Broncos are now on their way to the postseason for the first time since 1997. Instead of succumbing to the shadow of their less-than-stellar history and last year's 1-23 conference record, the team used the experience to push them forward this season.

"I think our guys used last year as fuel to their fire," said Assistant Coach Gabe Ribas. "The team showed up and did the work. It takes guts and heart after failing time and time again to be able to pick yourselves up. That says a lot about the character of this team."

Their shaky past behind them, the team looks forward to this Thursday's playoff game in Stockton, California against Pepperdine

University.

"We're just looking ahead at a whole new experience," said Braff. "We haven't been able to play this far in a while and we just want to play as a team and embrace the underdog role and see if we can do some good things in Stockton."

Santa Clara will have a tough playoff schedule, facing the winner of the game between No. 2 seed Loyola Marymount University and No. 3 seed Gonzaga University if they pass the Waves.

"Being around baseball my entire life, I've learned that anything can happen in the playoffs," said Vizcaino. "Right now, we are focused on not only getting prepared for these games, but also just staying relaxed and realizing we are the team that can upset (our competition)."

Coach Ribas also believes in the importance of their momentum.

"I'll say this – I wouldn't want to be another coach in this tournament having to play us," said Ribas. "With the toughness of our group, you better finish us off early because we're going to stick with it."

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Adrian Hinojosa
Cross-Country

The sophomore finished eighth in the men's 5K with a final time of 14:39.16.

in the blender for the last mile then that's what I'll do.

What is your mindset going into a race?

What are your goals moving forward?

I get ready to get psyched up and spiked up, meaning I try and get excited to run my legs out. I try my hardest to do what I have to do to make my team win, and if that means putting my body

Get better every single day. I have two more years of collegiate running with Santa Clara and that means two more opportunities to make NCAAs.